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[Despatch Abstract.]

LEG. COUNCIL QUESTION : CONTROL OF GUINEAWORM DISEASE : RECORDED.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Legislative Council - held on the 3rd April 1947.

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Control of guineaworm disease.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state -

(a) what measures have been adopted for the control of guineaworm disease;
(b) whether it is a fact that the conversion of step-wells into draw-wells is the most effective method for controlling guineaworm disease;
(c) if so, what steps, if any, have been taken to convert step-wells into draw wells;
(d) whether conversion of step-wells into draw-wells finds a high priority in the rural water-supply scheme; and
(e) how many step-wells have been converted into draw-wells since the rural water-supply scheme was inaugurated?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: (a) The following measures have been adopted:
(i) Conversion of step-wells into draw-wells
(ii) biological method, i.e. introduction of certain species of fish into wells which eat away the cyclops and render the water safe
(iii) chemical method of treating infested drinking water with fresh lime; and
(iv) intensive propaganda in infested villages with regard to the mode of infection and control of the disease; education of the villagers to prevent contamination of water by persons suffering from the disease and to strain drinking water through a piece of cloth to remove the cyclops.

(b) Yes. It is the most effective and also a permanent method.

(c) Collectors have been asked to take steps to convert step-wells into draw wells wherever possible.

(d) High priority is given for the conversion of step-wells into draw-wells in unhealthy localities where there is guinea-worm.

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SRI R. SURYANARYANA RAO: In view of the fact that the number of step-wells converted into draw-wells is so small and that guinea-worm is prevalent in many parts of the Presidency, will the Honourable Minister draw the attention of the Collectors to give high priority to the conversion of step-wells into draw-wells?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: Yes, Sir.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNIL QUESTION - Control of Guineaworm disease - Recorded.

Education and Public Health Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 3136 P.H. Dated, the 15th September 194

READ - the following:

From the Board of Revenue, Ref. No. V.2762-47-1 dated the 12th March 1947.

From the Director of Public Health, R.No.16105-1-Res. dated the 14th March 1947.

From the Board of Revenue, L.Dis. V.2762/47 dated the 28th March 1947.

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ORDER:

The Board of Revenue is informed that in localities where guinea-worm is prevalent and step-wells are the only sources of supply of drinking water high priority should be given for the conversion of such wells into draw-wells, if such conversion is found to be more economical than the construction of new wells.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

C.O. COOREY
Joint Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue.
To the Director of Public Health.

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